

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The optical fiber guide device as claimed in claim 1

4, wherein said guide groove or said guide channel is formed in a shape bent at a bending radius which is larger than the smallest bending radius of said optical fiber cord.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber guide device ~~as claimed in claim 3~~

comprising:

a guide body operable to guide and hold an optical fiber cord received and bent along an arc therein, said guide body including a guide receiving part having a base bordered substantially perpendicularly by a pair of peripheral walls for flanking said optical fiber cord to form a trough having an opening opposite said base in a substantially U-shape cross-section, said base having a planform following the arc, first and second members of said pair of peripheral walls being respectively convex and concave to said trough, said trough able to receive said optical fiber cord through said opening, said pair of peripheral walls causing said optical fiber cord to bend in said trough along the arc; and

a mounting part provided on an outer face of said guide body and adapted to be fitted to an object of installation in which said optical fiber cord is to be installed, wherein said guide body further includes a lid part attachable to said guide receiving part so as to cover said opening, and

either one of said guide receiving part and said lid part is provided with stoppers which extend in a direction perpendicular to an axial direction of said optical fiber cord so as to clamp said optical fiber cord which is received and arranged in said guide receiving part from both sides, and bite a coating of said optical fiber cord received and

arranged in said guide receiving part thereby to position and hold said optical fiber cord in its axial direction.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The optical fiber guide device as claimed in claim 4 for guiding and holding an optical fiber cord of a multi-core parallel arranged type in which a plurality of optical fibers are coupled in parallel,

wherein said guide body is provided with a guide groove or a guide channel which can contain and hold said optical fiber cord in a posture where said optical fibers can be bent at the same bending radius.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber guide device ~~as claimed in claim 6~~ comprising:

a guide body operable to guide and hold an optical fiber cord received and bent along an arc therein, said guide body including a guide receiving part having a base bordered substantially perpendicularly by a pair of peripheral walls for flanking said optical fiber cord to form a trough having an opening opposite said base in a substantially U-shape cross-section, said base having a planform following the arc, first and second members of said pair of peripheral walls being respectively convex and concave to said trough, said trough able to receive said optical fiber cord through said opening, said pair of peripheral walls causing said optical fiber cord to bend in said trough along the arc; and

a mounting part provided on an outer face of said guide body and adapted to be fitted to an object of installation in which said optical fiber cord is to be installed, wherein said guide body further includes a lid part attachable to said guide receiving part so as to cover said opening,

said lid part includes a lid body and at least one projection part disposed substantially perpendicular to said lid body, said receiving part includes at least one recess part for receiving said at least one projection part, and

_____ said at least one projection part includes a locking hole, said at least one recess part includes a locking projection that fits into said locking hole to hold said lid part to said receiving part.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~An optical fiber guide device as claimed in claim 1.~~
comprising:

a guide body operable to guide and hold an optical fiber cord received and bent along an arc therein, said guide body including a guide receiving part having a base bordered substantially perpendicularly by a pair of peripheral walls for flanking said optical fiber cord to form a trough having an opening opposite said base in a substantially U-shape cross-section, said base having a planform following the arc, first and second members of said pair of peripheral walls being respectively convex and concave to said trough, said trough able to receive said optical fiber cord through said opening, said pair of peripheral walls causing said optical fiber cord to bend in said trough along the arc; and

a mounting part provided on an outer face of said guide body and adapted to be fitted to an object of installation in which said optical fiber cord is to be installed, wherein said mounting part includes

a fitting post extending at a base of the mounting part from said guide body to a distal end for insertion into a mounting hole of an installation,

a first pair of locking pieces at said base for impinging against a first surface of said installation, and

a second pair of locking pieces at said distal end for impinging against a second surface of said installation after passing through said mounting hole.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The optical fiber guide device as claimed in claim 4, wherein said mounting part is formed by locking pieces.